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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 15-28 remain in the application. Claims 15 and 25 have been amended.

Support for these changes may be found on page 4, last paragraph, and on page 10, last paragraph, lines 11-24, of the specification.

The specification has been amended by inserting a cross-reference to the parent applications. The instant application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111, as opposed to § 371. The priority document for DE 101 12 539.9 was submitted with a claim for priority dated November 12, 2003.

We now turn to the art rejection, in which the claims have been rejected as being anticipated by Bryson (US 5,905,370) under 35 U.S.C. § 102. We respectfully traverse on the basis of the amended claims.

Bryson does not disclose a drive circuit – nor a corresponding method – for a switch in a switching converter that generates or omits drive pulses of a given duration in dependence on a comparison between a control signal and a reference signal. Accordingly, claims 15 and 25 are not anticipated by Bryson.

We also do not find any suggestion in Bryson, or in the art as a whole, towards modifying the prior art device to arrive at the claimed invention.

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In summary, none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 15 or the method steps of claim 25. These claims are, therefore, patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent thereon, they are patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 15-28 are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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